

Bilateral relations discussed

Regan meets leaders

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani received U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan Sunday. The meeting, attended by the American delegation accompanying Regan, discussed bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

Earlier in the day, Regan met with Planning Minister Hisham Nazer. They discussed all aspects of cooperation between the Kingdom and the United States. The meeting was attended by Deputy Planning Minister Dr. Faisal Bashir.

Nazer gave a detailed explanation about the Kingdom's third five-year development plan and the industrial development in Jubail, Yanbu and other cities.

Agriculture in general, and water in particular, were the subject matter. Saturday of a meeting between Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh and the U.S. Treasury Secretary. The talks dealt with cooperation in these fields, as well as activities in which cooperation is possible through the Saudi-U.S. Joint Commission. Mixed projects also were reviewed.

Regan arrived in the Kingdom Friday to attend the annual meeting of the Joint Saudi Arabia-United States Economic and Technical Cooperation Commission held in Riyadh this year. The commission began its meeting Saturday morning. A group of American businessmen also went into talks with local businessmen, a traditional gesture that comes in line with the commission's meetings.

Saudi Arabian exports to the U.S. increased from SR4.4 billion in 1974 to SR56 billion in 1980, while imports from the U.S. rose from SR1.7 billion to SR20 billion during the same period.

The Saudi-American businessmen's dialogue which began last year has contributed to further expand fields of cooperation between the two countries.



TALKS: U.S. Secretary of Treasury Donald Regan meets with Saudi Arabian members of the Saudi Arabian-U.S. joint commission.

By Public Administration Institute Computer's role to be highlighted

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, May 17 — The Public Administration Institute will hold a two-day seminar on computer technology here at the end of May, officials announced Sunday.

University professors and deputy ministers, as well as other experts are due to take part in the discussions and reviews on the role of the computer in the development of the Kingdom, and the country's experience with it.

Five research papers will be submitted on the computer, its uses here and its possibilities, the applications of the computer and the experience of the defense ministry in using it, data basis and the linking of satellites with the computer with a view to taking advantage of the proposed Arab satellite.

The sixth national seminar on the computer was held here last November. It was attended by Saudi Arabian representatives and international experts. The session was addressed by Planning Minister Hisham Nazer.

Nazer said the current five-year plan laid

Iranian group discusses carpet sales

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 17 — An Iranian trade delegation met with members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry here Sunday and talked about promoting Iranian exports to the Kingdom.

The delegation, led by Muhammad Raqaqi, told Arab News that they plan to sell hand-made Persian carpets in the country on an installment basis in order to encourage as many limited income people as possible to acquire them. This will be done through their appointed agent who will make sure that the installments are modest and spread over a certain period.

Iran already supplies the two holy mosques of Makkah and Medina and government departments but this seems to be a new effort

special emphasis on the training of Saudi Arabians for the operation and maintenance of computers. By the end of the plan the government will have trained an adequate number of men for this highly specialized job.

He said already many government departments are using computers as a matter of routine. "Our need for specialists in this field is quite clear," he said.

The chancellor of Riyadh University, Dr. Mansour Al Turki, said that 70 per cent of the research papers submitted to the seminar were prepared by Saudi Arabian universities and that Riyadh University alone was responsible for 40 per cent of them.

The seminar discussed what was called "the ultimate beneficiary" of the computer as well as applications and programming. Twenty-five manufacturing companies displayed their products.

A visiting Texas University professor predicted that soon everyone will have an opportunity to own their own individual computers as a result of the massive strides being made in the variety of uses for the computer.

to double sales of carpets and handicrafts with the Iranian government permitting the delegation to export any amount of carpets to the Kingdom.

The delegation also called on Makkah Governor Prince Majed as part of their tour of the country.

Air traffic rerouted

JEDDAH, May 17 — Bad weather in Riyadh Friday night caused disruption in the flight schedule of Riyadh Airport. Five incoming flights were diverted to Dhahran Airport, the nearest of Riyadh, according to Al-Jazirah Sunday. The storms began at 12.30 and lasted seven hours the paper said. The detoured flights came from Jeddah, Dhahran, Tabuk, Abha and London.

FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, May 17 (WAM) — Saqr Al Muri, the under-secretary at the Ministry of Justice and Islamic affairs and Awqaf left here Sunday morning for the United States leading the UAE delegation to the meetings of the 19th annual conference for the federation of Islamic students in Canada and the United States.

The four-day conference to be held at Indiana University will review a number of issues pertaining to human rights and Islamic rules.

The conference will include a number of Islamic scholars and representatives of Islamic associations and centers in the world.

While there, the UAE delegation also will visit the Islamic centers in the United States and Canada and will meet Muslims there to get first hand information on their conditions and obstacles facing them.

ABU DHABI, May 17 (WAM) — Hamad Abdul Rahman Al-Madfa, the UAE minister of health Saturday visited the armed forces medical services institute in Abu Dhabi.

He was received at the military hospital by Col. Ali Rashid, at the hospital.

Al Madfa inspected the institutes various sections and its modern equipment and acquainted himself with its medical activities in various fields.

Madfa expressed appreciation over the progress made by the armed forces in the medical fields.

He also expressed his ministry's readiness to coordinate and cooperate with medical services departments to promote the standard of this profession.

The institute which organizes a nine-month medical training course, was established in 1968.

ABU DHABI, May 17 (WAM) — Planning ministers from Arab Gulf states will hold their 3rd conference on Nov. 3, the preparatory for the conference which met in Kuwait between May 10 and 14 decided this.

The UAE delegation to the meetings returned to Abu Dhabi Sunday.

Delegations from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain Oman and Iraq participated in the committee's meeting.

MANAMA, May 17 (APP) — South Korea's Finance Minister Yen Lee arrived here Sunday for a two-day visit. Lee is due to meet Bahrain officials for talks on ways of promoting bilateral economic and financial relations.

BRIEFS

Governor Prince Majed will attend the Tunisian tourism promotion week which will open at the Nova Park hotel here Wednesday. The event which is sponsored by the Tunisian embassy will feature art works, national products, paintings and pictures.

Buraidah health services BURAIDAH, May 17 — Fifty million riyals will be spent this year to improve existing medical services in Qasim Region, according to Dr. Othman Al Rabihi, director of health affairs here Sunday. He told Okaz that the money will be used to build two health centers on the instructions of King Khaled.

Police arrest law breakers RIYADH, May 17 — Police arrested and penalized 349 men for hddgering women in the streets of the capital last month. They also punished 160 for deliberately skidding their cars to disturb the peace, and 270 illegal immigrants, according to Al-Jazirah Sunday. During the same period 30 people died and 214 were injured in traffic accidents.

Tunisian week set JEDDAH, May 17 (SPA) — Makkah

Ank receives SR25m budget

ANK, May 17 (SPA) — Ank Municipality's new budget amounted to SR 25 million, in addition to SR 3 million surplus from last year's budget, according to officials Sunday.

Mayor Abdul Rahman Al-Rakan said projects allocated in the current budget include building a commercial market at a cost of SR2 million. It also comprises asphaltting, paving and illuminating of streets in Ank and Jesh at a total cost of SR 12 million, he said.

He added that SR 12 million was allocated for a landfill project of the limited income citizens' district in Ank, and SR 9.2 million for operational wages and expenses. Rakan

said that the municipality is studying construction of a public garden in Ank at an estimated cost of SR 5 million.

Other projects under construction include a rush asphaltting project for the streets of Ank and Jash. The project costs SR18 million. The municipality also is engaged in building three public toilets at SR 290,223, and landfilling the limited income citizens' district in Ank which costs SR 3 million. The municipality has taken delivery of the Ank and Jash sewage network project which was completed recently. The project cost SR8 million.

Kingdom, UAE to join U.S. talks

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 17 — At least two Arab states — Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — will be represented at an international conference in Ohio next month grouping local government officials and municipal experts from at least 40 countries.

More than 1,000 local officials from

around the world are expected to take part in the 25th World Congress of the International Union of Local Authorities, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, June 21-25.

President Reagan has been invited to address the opening session of the conference, whose theme will be "Meeting the Challenges of the 1980s," organizers said.

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On Kingdom's development

London seminar planned

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 17 — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Alghosbi will open on June 1 a two-day seminar in London entitled "The Role of International Firms in

Saudi Arabia's Industrial and Economic Development Plans."

The June seminar will be the first in a series to highlight the present developmental boom in Saudi Arabia. The seminar will help acquaint the reader abroad with the giant strides made by the Kingdom in the economic, financial and social fields within the framework of Islam and under the leadership of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd.

The seminars also will pinpoint Saudi Arabia's leading role in world affairs as a result of its civilization, culture and economic background.

Saudi Arabian officials to address the seminar include Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, director general of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) who will discuss the petrochemical industry; Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher, Petroleum governor; Dr. Faisal Bashir, undersecretary for the Planning Minister, who will discuss the new Five-Year Development Plan and the encouragement of the private sector; and Oil and Natural Resources Undersecretary Dr. Ghazi Sultan.

Speakers from the private sector include Dr. Ibrahim Ubaid, undersecretary at the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones, who will discuss joint ventures; Khaled Al-Aziz, board chairman of the Saudi Cable Company; and Fahd Hussein Shobokshi, director general of Ali and Fahd Shobokshi Establishment.

Among the experts attending the seminar will be Jack Petler, board chairman of Saudi Mobil; M.A. Calin, director of administration for the Saudi-American Bank and vice chairman of the City Bank group; S.G. Ogest, marketing director of the Saudi-British Bank; and John Nierhoot, vice chairman of Bechtel Petroleum Company.

The seminar will be presided over by Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, rector of Riyadh University; and Lord Celsdon, head of the Middle East trade committee and advisor of the Midland financial group. The speeches will be followed by a general debate on banking, finance and joint ventures. The seminar is being sponsored by Saudi Gazette, while Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) and Ibn Sina Scientific Foundation in Britain also will participate. The Financial Times conferences department is handling the seminar's organization.



TOUR: Jeddah Islamic Port director Fuad Mukhtar (second from right) gives a tour of the port to Chinese Communications Minister Chin-Shen Lin (third from right). The Chinese ambassador to the Kingdom, Yu-chi Hsueh (far right) accompanied the minister.

Minister tours Islamic port

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 17 — Chinese Communications Minister Chin-Shen Lin and his delegation visited Jeddah Islamic Port Saturday. They were briefed on the port activities by Fuad Mukhtar, Jeddah port director general.

Mukhtar explained the port's capabilities and its achievements — at the top of which comes increasing berths from 12 to 43 in four years and bulk cement silos and other facilities. The Chinese delegation toured the port, inspected a number of berths and the 4,000-ton daily desalination plant which supplies drinking water for ships.

Lin also witnessed the modern fuel supply system for ships. Mukhtar said that the port authority removed 30 sunken vessels, which were there for a long time, to expand the harbor. He told the Chinese minister that the entrance channels also were expanded to 300 meters to accommodate two vessels at the same time.

The Chinese minister inspected the fire-fighting tugboats which help distinguish fires aboard ships and the latest anti-pollution and navigational equipment. He said that what he saw in Jeddah Islamic Port was "something like a miracle." Jeddah port is one of the largest ports in the world in regard to organization and "a bright facet for your country," Lin added. He said he admired the ships calling schedule, storage system and the automatic unloading system.

The Saudi Arabian delegation will be headed by Ambassador Ma'moun Qabbani, director of the western department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Belgian delegation will be led by the director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, economic relations, Jan Hollants Van loocke. The joint commission meets in principle once every year with the site of meetings alternating between Jeddah and Brussels.

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Charity group to build headquarters

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — Riyadh Philanthropic Foundation plans to build two headquarters, officials announced Saturday after a board meeting of the foundation under its vice chairman Prince Sattam, Riyadh's deputy governor.

The headquarters will be located in Sulaymaneyyah on a plot offered by Riyadh Municipality, and off Sitteen Street at Al-Malaz on a parcel of land donated anonymously.

Firm provides navigational equipment

LONDON, May 17 (LPS): Survey and navigational services on board two pipe-laying vessels in Gulf oilfields off Saudi Arabia are currently being provided by a British firm.

Work on the seven-month contract is being carried out by technicians and surveyors from Oilfield Hydrographic Projects, of northern

England, with high-precision navigation systems and underwater sonar detection equipment supplied by the firm. Oilfield Hydrographic Projects has expanded rapidly during the last few years and now provides personnel, equipment, and navigational and survey capabilities on a world basis for many offshore exploration contractors.

KAU to discuss effects of environment on plastics

By Ahmad Kamal Khusrro

JEDDAH, May 17 — The College of Mechanical Engineering in the King Abdul Aziz University is holding a two-day seminar on "degradation of plastics in various environments" at the College of Science Auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The department received 30 papers and out of these 23 have been selected for presentation. Experts in the field of construction, plastics and rubbers from Britain, University of Petroleum and Chemicals, Dhahran, Riyadh University and KAU are expected to participate in the deliberations.

The seminar will be divided into four sessions and will be inaugurated by Dr. Abdullah Nassif, Rector of KAU. Dr. Khalid Yusuf El-Khalaf, chief of the Saudi Standards Organization, will deliver the opening address.

In the first session the panelists will discuss the environmental effects on materials, specially the weathering of plastics and rubbers in the Saudi Arabian climate. Reports also will be submitted on fire retardant tents made for the KAU's Haj Research Center by the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The second session will be on the corrosion of metals, particularly at high temperatures. On the second day, the discussions will center on the behavior of construction materials in the local environment. The last session of the seminar will be devoted to the factors causing the degradation of materials.

Delegates will be taken to various departments of the College of Engineering and they will talk with professors engaged in various research projects. The seminar is open to the public.

On cooperation Kingdom, Belgium schedule talks

JEDDAH, May 17 — The Saudi Arabian-Belgian Joint Economic and Technical Cooperation Committee will hold its meetings in Jeddah from May 24 to 26 within the framework of the Economic and Technical Agreement signed between the two countries in 1978, according to the Belgian Embassy Sunday.

The Saudi Arabian delegation will be headed by Ambassador Ma'moun Qabbani, director of the western department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Belgian delegation will be led by the director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, economic relations, Jan Hollants Van loocke. The joint commission meets in principle once every year with the site of meetings alternating between Jeddah and Brussels.

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Turkey, OIC sign pact

JEDDAH, May 17 (SPA) — An agreement was signed here Saturday whereby the Turkish government will grant diplomatic immunity and privilege to the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries in Ankara and the Research Center in Culture, Art and History in Istanbul.

The signing took place at the Organization of Islamic Conference headquarters here.

The agreement was signed by OIC Secretary General Habib Chatu and Turkish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Hussein Stetem on behalf of the Turkish government. Chatu thanked the Turkish government for its Islamic endeavors and its support for the two centers.

COMMENT

By Jamal Al-Sahlbi

During the past few years the Asir region has successfully made good strides in different fields including summer resorts.

The idea of summer resorts is not new because the regional environment has automatically given birth to the idea that Asir should be the location of a good summer resort in the Kingdom.

But a question arises as to where is the official machinery which should boost this idea and strive to offer the required services to tourists from the Kingdom and other neighboring countries, who would feel attracted to come to Asir to enjoy its moderate climate, thick forests and heavy rains. In this connection, it should be an interesting point to note that Asir has already had a national park whose first stage has been completed.

It is, however, no secret that Asir Governor Prince Khaled Al-Faisal has realized the great significance of the availability of a machinery that should offer all necessary services and facilities to tourists coming to the summer resorts in his region. Not only this, among the important objectives of this machinery should be to preserve the environmental beauty and the archeological sites as well as to improve and further develop the tourist services in the region.

In order to make Asir a deal summer resort, it would be necessary to create programs in which several government departments participate giving a strong boost to the idea of an administrative machinery for the summer resorts. Following the establishment of a national park, Asir has assumed considerable importance from the aspect of tourism. If there are full-fledged programs for summer resorting in the south, people would be the both of having to go abroad for recreation.

Prayer Times

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Asr (Evening)	3.34	3.42	3.14	3.05	3.29	4.03
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On buildup against India

Pakistan denies Russian report

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News correspondent

ISLAMABAD, May 17 — Pakistan has charged the Soviet Union with deliberately spreading baseless rumors about tension on Indo-Pakistan borders and an official spokesman strongly denied Moscow radio reports about Pakistani troops buildup on borders with India.

Moscow radio had reported Pakistani troops concentration in the Rann of Kutch area and had quoted the chief minister of the bordering Indian state of Gujarat. The spokesman said that there was absolutely no truth in this report which was later carried by Kabul radio as well and added that the situation on borders with India has remained normal. The spokesman said some interesting quarters (attempting to spoil Indo-Pakistani relations) were deliberately spreading such baseless rumors.

Indian Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao is scheduled to visit Islamabad June 8 and his counterpart Agha Shahi has expressed hopes that the visit would enable the two countries to remove some recent misunderstandings over the sale of American arms to Pakistan. A foreign ministry spokesman Saturday said it would be "highly premature" to say that the proposed five-year program of U.S. economic assistance and military sales was acceptable to Pakistan.

Clarifying certain remarks of a Pakistani official as reported by *The New York Times* the spokesman said, that discussions initiated by Foreign Minister Agha Shahi with the

Reagan administration officials at Washington last month were still continuing. He said the two sides had agreed in principle about a mutual relations that would respect Pakistan's nonaligned role and its commitment to the Islamic conference.

A U.S. undersecretary of state would head a team of national security officials to Islamabad next month to settle the terms of economic assistance and arms sales to Pakistan.

Meanwhile, in Paris, Pakistani Information Minister Muhammad Zafarul Haq said during the week Pakistan has neither the intention nor the means of building up a nuclear arsenal.

His declaration followed months of rumors and statements to the effect that India and Pakistan were on the point of rushing into a nuclear arms race between themselves, the first among third world nations to do so. Haq, who is scheduled to return to Islamabad Tuesday after a short stopover in London, stressed that unlike India, Pakistan was a signatory to the Nuclear-Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The minister added that he was happy about the possibilities opened up by the planned visit to Pakistan of Indian Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao in less than a month's time. However, diplomats and observers alike would be surprised to see this ministerial meeting in years lead to an immediate rebirth of the so-called spirit of Simla.

It was at Simla, that Indian Premier Indira Gandhi and her late Pakistani counterpart

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto reached a kind of reconciliation between their two countries after a war from which East Pakistan emerged as the independent nation of Bangladesh.

Two years later, May 18, 1974, or seven years ago tomorrow — India exploded a nuclear device underground. The resulting apparent imbalance between the two neighbors gave rise to innumerable warnings, the most recent of which was issued by U.S. Senator Alan Cranston, and Democratic member of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, who last April 27 asserted that India and Pakistan were in the process of building nuclear test ranges with a view to exploding atomic bombs before the year-end.

While India remains linked to Moscow by a mutual assistance treaty, Pakistan has established new relations with Washington after President Ronald Reagan rejected his predecessor Jimmy Carter's thesis that nothing should be done to displease India as a leader of the nonaligned bloc and agreed to rearm Pakistan with aid worth \$2,500 million over five years.

In principle, this change in U.S. policy meant to permit Pakistan to resist a Soviet threat from the north, in particular through Afghanistan. But in fact Islamabad insists on U.S. appreciation that a Soviet threat could equally well come from the Indian east, so that the expected American equipment must be deployed along both the northern and eastern borders.

OAU talks on Chad planned

PARIS, May 17 (AFP) — A summit of African states involved in the Chad problem will take place soon under the aegis of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to settle the issue, the Libyan News Agency reported Sunday in a dispatch monitored here.

The last attempt to hold a summit on Chad, where the presence of thousands of Libyan soldiers has raised an alarm in several African countries, failed when Libya refused to attend the meeting called in Lagos early last month by Nigerian President Shehu Shagari. Other participants in Lagos were to have

India sends warships to disputed island

NEW DELHI, May 17 (AP) — India has deployed battleships in the vicinity of a newly emerged island in the Bay of Bengal "to counter the provocative presence of three large Bangladesh patrol craft in the region," an Indian government spokesman said Saturday.

The 12-43-kilometer island, variously known as "New Moore," "Purbasha" and "South Tulpatty," is claimed both by India and Bangladesh. It is located in the estuary of the rivers Haribhanga and Raimangal.

Spokesman J.N. Dixit said the Indian external affairs secretary R.D. Sathé "lodged a strong protest" to Bangladesh high Commissioner Abul Ehsan Saturday against the "presence of Bangladesh warships and the launching of an anti-India campaign in Bangladesh media."

However, Ehsan told AP that it was he who had called on Sathé to renew Bangladesh's protest against "the entry of the Indian ship *Sandhya* last Saturday into our territorial waters." The protest, made Monday, said the Indian warship "landed uniform-wearing personnel on the island," Ehsan said. During his meeting with Sathé, the Indian external affairs secretary "complained to me that certain Bangladesh gunships are visible in the vicinity" of the uninhabited island, Ehsan said, adding that he believed that India had now dispatched its frigate, *Andamans* to the

Bangladesh lodges protest

area. Indian officials said that Bangladesh's "highly provocative actions" appeared to be linked with the scheduled return to Dacca Sunday of the self-exiled daughter of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founder of Bangladesh who was assassinated in a military coup in 1975.

Hasina Sheikh Wazed, a staunch opponent

of President Ziaur Rahman's regime who has been living in India, has vowed to fight for the trial of her father's slayers. For the past six weeks, newspapers in Bangladesh "with the indirect blessing of the government have been accusing India of supporting opponents of Gen. Ziaur Rahman's regime, the official said, and said the accusations were "baseless and mischievous propaganda."

PLO hails Carrington stand

BEIRUT, May 17 (R) — A senior official of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) has praised the statement of the British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington that the PLO's voice should be heard in any Middle East settlement. "We welcome Carrington's recent statements on the PLO, Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the organization's political department said in an interview with the Voice of Palestine Radio in Beirut.

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Lord Carrington had said recently any Middle East settlement must allow for the views of the PLO which he called "not in itself terrorist."

Kaddoumi renewed the PLO's call for a

more specific European attitude based on official recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people, including that to the establishment of an independent state under PLO leadership. Carrington who takes over in July as president of the European Common Market (EEC) council of ministers, said in the interview that he would not rule out a meeting with PLO leader Yasser Arafat as part of a West European Middle East peace initiative. On Francois Mitterrand's victory in the French presidential elections, Kaddoumi said: "We cannot assess the new situation in France on the basis of Mitterrand's statements during the election campaign which reflected marked sympathy for Israel."

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Outlook bleak

Oil income sustains war-hit Iran

TEHRAN, May 17 (AFP) — Iran's oiling, war-stricken economy continues to be dependent on oil which will account for 80 per cent of revenue in the year to March 1982.

EEC to debate limiting Japan's car imports

BRUSSELS, May 17 (AFP) — Moves to encourage Japanese car sales in Europe are being discussed by foreign ministers from the European Economic Community (EEC) — on Tuesday.

dream. Exports of carpets, caviar and dried fruit do not go far toward meeting the economy's needs.

Government revenue this year will total 3,300,000 million rials (\$36,000 million) financed by oil income, taxes and customs duties.

The background is grim as gross national product continues to decline, agriculture stagnates and the fall in industrial output totals 35 per cent over two years.

Geneva talks OPEC faces oil glut dilemma

PARIS, May 17 (AFP) — An oil price freeze now appears the most likely outcome of the OPEC meeting beginning in Geneva May 25 as two leading OPEC members — Kuwait and Nigeria — have already had to cut their output because of the world oil surplus.

Output by the 13 OPEC members is down to 24 million barrels a day compared with 31 million in 1979, representing a fall of 20 per cent.

Nigeria, meanwhile, has cut back its production to below 1.7 million barrels a day in April against 2.09 million in January — a reduction of some 15 per cent.

But the addition of extra Iranian output to an over-supplied market could help depress prices, eventually requiring Iran to export even more to keep its earnings up.

The number of people unemployed in May 1980 was said officially to total two million in a population of 36 million.

But Iranian officials still stress they want to be economically independent of both East and West and are determined that the economy will not have to rely on non-Islamic exports as was the case under the Shah.

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China places curbs on rural units

PEKING, May 17 (AP) — Rural peasants' enterprises springing up across China have been asked not to compete with state-run enterprises for limited markets and raw materials.

The Communist Party newspaper said Saturday the rural enterprises are indispensable for providing more jobs and income in the countryside, where 800 million of China's one billion people live.

The paper said a new government directive bans rural factories from producing cigarettes. This is to ensure a tobacco supply for state-owned factories which produce cigarettes of better quality at lower cost, it explained.

OPEC talks to open in Vienna

ABU DHABI, May 17 (WAM) — The board of governors of the organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meets in Vienna, Austria, Monday to review a report prepared by the organization's economic committee dealing with the petroleum market situation, regarding supply and demand and its impact on crude oil price.

The term of Ortiz should have ended in December last year, but was renewed for six months at the OPEC conference which was held in Bali-Indonesia December 15 and 16 waiting for gubon to name her candidate for the post.

Shaibah and Hamili, under secretary of the UAE ministry of petroleum and mineral resources, left here for Vienna to take part in the meetings.

Financial Roundup Spot riyal up against dollar

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 17 — The mystery of whether the American money supply figures went up by \$3.1 billion or down by \$9.1 billion continued. Wild rumors spread around the local markets Saturday that the American figures released Friday were "over-estimated" and that a benchmark revision took them down to \$9.1 billion.

On the local exchanges, spot delivery riyal rose against the dollar from a low level of 3.3605 — 10 (when rumors and counter-rumors were flying fast and thick to

3.3610 — 25 by close of the trading day. Once again dealing was thin and some dealers were taking advantage of the Sunday European market closures to square some positions with Bahrain.

Given the general uncertainty, and the fact that no European market was open Sunday, the Bahrain markets pushed down the prevalent dollar and riyal deposit rates from higher opening levels.

Fodder shortage thwarts Soviet plan

MOSCOW, May 17 (R) — The Soviet Union is the world's biggest wheat grower, yet its failure to grow enough of the right sort of grain is seriously hampering efforts to increase the country's meat production.

The Soviet Union produces only half of the fodder it needs to maintain its livestock. The sad array of scrawny chickens and modest scraps of meat in Soviet shops bears testimony to the country's agricultural problems.

The solution to the problem, propounded in countless newspaper and magazine articles in recent weeks, appears simple. A large-scale change from wheat to fodder production, especially in areas where fodder yields are higher, would not only increase animal food supplies but boost the overall grain harvest.

Moscow's increasing dependence on fodder imports makes it particularly vulnerable to trade sanctions. Washington's decision last month to lift its partial embargo on grain deliveries to the Soviet Union will ease Kremlin fears over shortages only temporarily.

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62.9 million hectares (155 million acres) in 1980. In the Ukraine, an important grain region, the area designated for barley sowing — this year is more than two-thirds less than in 1976.

Table with columns: Foreign Exchange Rates, Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Thursday, SAMA, Cash, Transfer. Lists various currencies and their rates.

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ANDY WENT OVER AND 'AD A FEW WORDS W/ THEM

DID 'E GET ANY SATISFACTION?

OH, YES. THEY PROMISED 'IM FIRST PICK OF THE LITTER

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BOY! YOU'D THINK HE'D TRUST ME BY NOW!

BLONDIE

WE'LL FLIP A COIN TO SEE WHO PAYS FOR THE LUNCH

OOOOPS—IT FELL INTO THE COLESLAW

SO YOU PAY

HOW COME?

IT'S YOUR COLESLAW

B.C.

HI, WILEY, HOW'S IT GOING?

CAN'T KICK

HAGAR

MAMA! LOOK!

OH, DEAR...

I FORGOT TO PAY THE LIGHT BILL...

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MY HUSBAND TELLS ME MONEY IS TIGHT AGAIN —

DOES HE EVER TELL YOU WHEN IT'S LOOSE?

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Contract Bridge : B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K Q 10 7 4
 ♥ 10 6 5 3
 ♦ —
 ♣ K Q J 2

EAST
 ♠ A 8 3 2
 ♥ 9
 ♦ 10 9 7 3
 ♣ 10 6 5 4

WEST
 ♠ 9 5
 ♥ 8 4 2
 ♦ 8 5 4 2
 ♣ A 9 7 3

SOUTH
 ♠ J 6
 ♥ A K Q J 7
 ♦ A K Q J 6
 ♣ 8

The bidding:
 South West North East
 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
 6♥

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

When two good teams sit down to play one another for the world championship, almost anything can happen. And it did — in this astounding hand from the Sweden-U.S. match in 1953.

It was Deal No. 3 — before the players even had a chance to warm up — in the 256-deal match won by an American team composed of John Crawford, Ted Lightner, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sam Stayman and this writer.

With Littlehook North and Anruf South for Sweden, they got to six hearts on the bidding shown. West led the ace of clubs, shifted to a spade, and Sweden went down one.

It was a remarkable deal. The K-Q-J of clubs proved worthless, the diamond void was not an asset, and South's diamonds had very little practical value.

When the Americans were North-South, the bidding went:

South West North East
 2♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
 3♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
 4♥ Pass 5♥ Pass
 6♥

The two club bid was artificial. A trump was led and Schenken (playing with Stayman) drew trumps, cashed the A-K-Q-J of diamonds, discarding four clubs from dummy, and conceded the ace of spades for a gain of 1,030 points on the deal.

It is surely odd that two of the then-best teams in the world both bid a slam, missing two aces. Had the same hand been dealt in the average home game, it is probable that the participants — by using Blackwood would manage to stay out of the slam.

It makes a fellow sometimes wonder whether the champs are all they're cracked up to be!

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, MAY 18, 1964

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Unexpected developments affect your financial picture. Avoid being drawn into an argument. Review your own spending habits.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Personal freedom may be a bone of contention between close ties. It's best not to raise controversial issues, or trouble could result.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Ingenity pays off on the job. Be willing to try something new. Proper rest is the cure for a case of nerves. Be cooperative.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)

Entertainment plans are subject to change. A close tie may be edgy. Both children and friends compete for your special attention.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)

A domestic situation climaxes, resulting in an unexpected course of action. Be flexible in dealing with higher-ups and family.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Indecision about a work matter could make you touchy. Don't fly off the handle.

die over some slight provocation. Cool it!

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Enough is enough! Don't belabor a point — especially about monetary affairs. The picture changes too rapidly to enter into agreements now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Self-will could be an obstacle. It will be hard to compromise with others, though you must — for the sake of peace and quiet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

A testing situation at work could make you feel like quitting. Avoid impulsive actions that you may well live to regret.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

The unreliability of friends could get on your nerves. Cavalier types won't be especially sensitive of your feelings or wishes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Some of you will receive recognition at work. Be sure that you keep close ties informed of any changes that will affect them.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Find something else to do if others unexpectedly change plans. Instead of fretting or arguing, enjoy doing your own thing.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

41 Wheat disease
 1 One kind of cracker
 5 Donizetti heroine
 10 Heroic
 11 D.C. group
 12 Was Sophie Tucker one?
 14 Greek nickname
 15 Linau treat
 16 Time period
 17 Mexican tavern
 19 "Welcome" item
 20 "Wednesday" (Fonda film)
 21 Japanese statesman
 22 Cross home plate
 25 Earth worker
 26 Decorative metal
 27 Mineo
 28 Energy unit
 29 Clothes designer
 33 Burro
 34 Ella — Morse
 35 Wedding notice word
 36 Like some flour
 39 Aged
 40 Trampled

DOWN

42 Ethereal
 1 Ice tower
 2 It has a Price
 3 Killed
 4 Berlin outcry
 5 George Sand novel
 6 Numero — street
 7 Troglodyte
 8 Repeat
 9 Spray gun's kin
 11 Inflexible
 13 Think (Fonda film)
 18 Biblical weed
 21 Door
 22 feature
 23 German
 23 Table protector
 24 "Sweet Adeline," e.g.
 25 Late movie mogul
 27 Phase
 29 Melt, as ore
 30 Habituate
 31 Tijuana title
 32 Roosevelt or Kennedy island
 33 Greek river

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
 P TWRKMY VEYPCYE DPU EYAYQY;
 VNF FBY FWQY WT YHWQYRFMU
 A X D W R K W R — D P A P N M Y U

Saturday's Cryptquote: MEN ARE APT TO PREFER A PROSPEROUS ERROR TO AN AFFLICTED TRUTH — JEREMY TAYLOR

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4:30 Children's Show Wildlife Cinema 6:03 Heartline To Health 6:22 Family Hour Festival 7:19 Old Country Shop 7:46 WRP in Cincinnati 8:10 Between The Wars 8:34 Channel 3 Feature	DISNEY TV Programs (Aramco) Sesame Street No. 1309 Foodies in Newfoundland Diabetes and Heart Disease Riviera of the Year Episode 7 The Baby F.D.R. and Churchill Part 2	Saudi Rain/English Service MONDAY Afternoon Transmission Time Monday 2:00 Opening 2:01 Holy Quran 2:06 Program Rev. 2:07 Guest of Godliness 2:12 Light Music 2:15 On Islam 2:25 Hit in Germany 2:35 Light Music 3:00 The News 3:10 Press Review 3:15 Light Music 3:20 Arabic Song 3:45 Light Music 3:48 Close-down 3:58 Opening 4:00 Spelling 8:01 Holy Quran 8:05 Program Review 8:07 Gems of Guidance 8:12 Light Music 8:15 Hope & Music 8:25 Festival of Knowledge 9:00 Pavilion of France 9:15 A Leaf From 9:25 Close-down 9:30 The News 9:40 S. Chronicle 9:45 Distinguished 10:10 Varieties 10:20 Varieties 10:30 Emileon Paris Identities 10:35 Nouvelle de Varieties 10:45 Séquence de laire brance 10:55 Melange 10:58 Informations 11:40 Revue de Presse 12:05 Varieties 12:25 Close-down	RAJIO FRANCAISE SECTION FRANCAISE DUBDAH L'expression d'aujourd'hui : — PM 50 Magazines : — Ode Courtes : 11:00 Magazines dans le monde des 20m. — Ode Moyenne : 10:00 Magazines dans le monde des 20m. Vendredi de la Maison de L'Arabie 8:00 Ouverture 8:01 Varieties Et Compagnons 8:10 Musique Classique 8:15 Bonjour 8:20 Varieties 8:30 Romyane du Maghreb; 8:45 Ode Et Ode 8:50 Musique 9:00 Informations 9:10 L'annonce sur les Informations 9:15 Varieties 9:20 Varieties 9:30 Une Emulsion religieuse des Compagnons du prophete; 9:45 Varieties 9:55 Close-down Vendredi du Solvay de L'Arabie 8:00 Informations 8:10 L'annonce sur les Informations 8:15 Varieties 8:20 Varieties 8:30 Une Emulsion religieuse des Compagnons du prophete; 8:45 Varieties 8:55 Close-down Vendredi du Solvay de L'Arabie 8:00 Informations 8:10 L'annonce sur les Informations 8:15 Varieties 8:20 Varieties 8:30 Une Emulsion religieuse des Compagnons du prophete; 8:45 Varieties 8:55 Close-down Vendredi du Solvay de L'Arabie	BAIKARH 5. Beverly Pharmacy Ombia Pharmacy Ummah-Cent Pharmacy AL-MADINA Al-Badi Pharmacy Al-Ansal Pharmacy Ombia Pharmacy JEDDAH Balkas Pharmacy Al-Ansal Pharmacy Al-Nasser Pharmacy Munier Pharmacy Al-Badi Pharmacy TALF Ombia Pharmacy O. Alkes Grand Pharmacy REHOBAR & TEOGRA Al-Siba Pharmacy JUBAIL Al-Rad Pharmacy	Pharmacies to Open Monday Night	MAKKAH 5. Beverly Pharmacy Ombia Pharmacy Ummah-Cent Pharmacy AL-MADINA Al-Badi Pharmacy Al-Ansal Pharmacy Ombia Pharmacy JEDDAH Balkas Pharmacy Al-Ansal Pharmacy Al-Nasser Pharmacy Munier Pharmacy Al-Badi Pharmacy TALF Ombia Pharmacy O. Alkes Grand Pharmacy REHOBAR & TEOGRA Al-Siba Pharmacy JUBAIL Al-Rad Pharmacy	MONDAY Prayer: 17:00, 21:00, 22:25 (Korq) Wavelengths: 16.74, 13.36, 13.79 (arabic) 4:30 Religion Program 5:46 OM Matters (Arabic) 5:15 Historical Notes 5:45 One Post 6:00 News 6:00 News 6:15 Press Review 6:20 On This Day 6:25 New Songs
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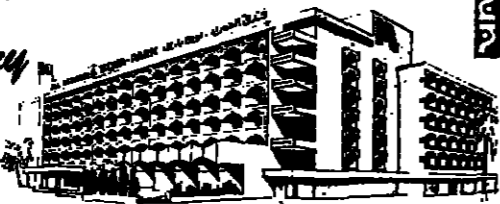
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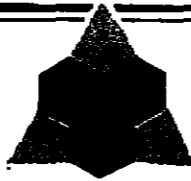
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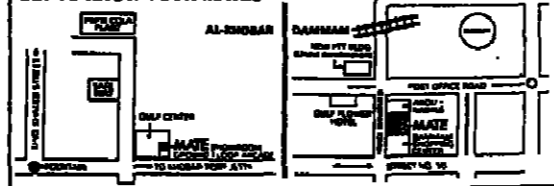
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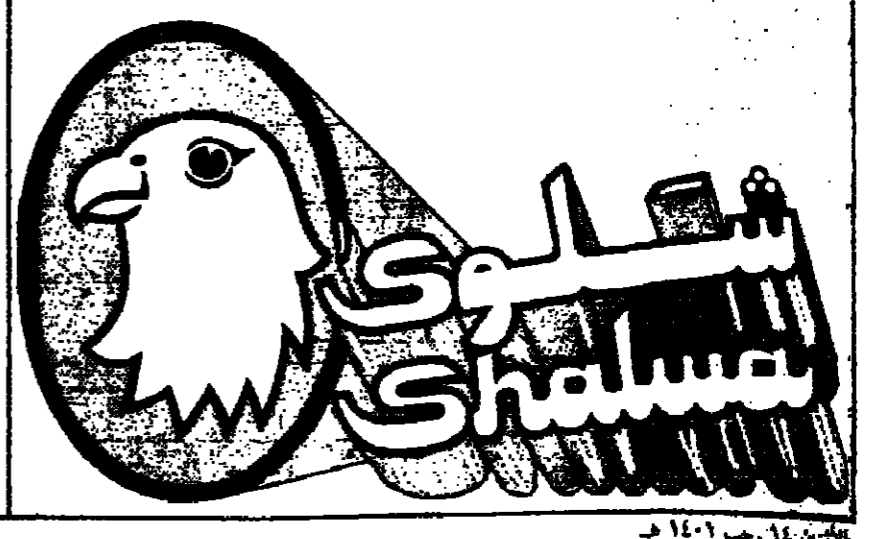
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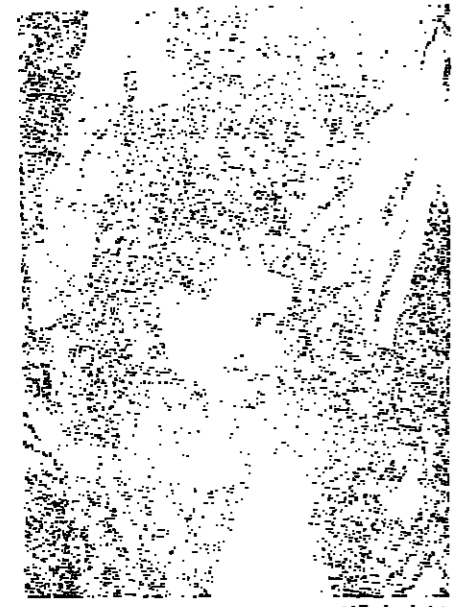
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Solidarity leader favors Warsaw seeking Japan aid

WARSAW, May 17 (AFP) — The independent union Solidarity will ask the government to seek cooperation with Japan in order to make Poland a "second Japan", labor leader Lech Walesa said Sunday on his return from Tokyo.



POLISH GREETING: Solidarity leader Lech Walesa holds flowers up high in the air acknowledging the applause of a mass rally in Tokyo during his recent visit.

and marvelously organized." The union leaders said that he believed his hopes of making Poland a second Japan were feasible, and that Poland could avoid those mistakes that Japan had made.

He said that as it was not Solidarity's place to seek cooperation with Japan the union planned to ask the government to do so. Walesa described the Japanese as "extremely polite," quipping, "our necks still ache from bowing."

On a brief technical stopover in London, Walesa expressed concern at the failing health of Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, the Catholic primate of Poland. While declining to comment on the political situation in Poland, Walesa described the cardinal as a "man of great influence."

Paris talks open Wednesday to resolve Namibia freedom

PARIS, May 17 (AFP) — An international conference on sanctions against South Africa opens here Wednesday amid a new flurry of diplomatic activity aimed at finding a peaceful settlement of the Namibian issue. (Related story on page 8)

of the presidential election to the French anti-Apartheid movement, Mitterrand undertook to review French policy in southern Africa, and particularly French arms sales to South Africa. Officially these have been stopped but South Africa manufactures arms under French license.

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Italians vote on referendums

ROME, May 17 (Agencies) — Voting began at an easy pace Sunday in Italy's five referendums, given added significance by the attack on Pope John Paul II. Two of the votes are on opposing proposals to tighten or scrap the country's abortion laws, while the others involve gun control, imprisonment and anti-terrorist measures.

sunshine. Since 1946 Italians have used such ballots, which can amend existing laws but not create new ones, only three times.

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with the Radio that the United States must be blamed for any new explosion in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Kuwait cautioned that the Middle East was passing through a critical phase, but discounted an outbreak of hostilities between Syria and Israel. Minister of State Abdul Aziz Hussein told reporters that while the dangers were developing, the chances of a Syria-Israel collision that could precipitate a Soviet-U.S. confrontation were remote.

"Nevertheless, all Arab countries should be prepared to face all eventualities in Lebanon," said Hussein after a cabinet meeting during which the Lebanese crisis was discussed.

"I do not think the situation will develop in a war in a real sense that could bring in the

superpowers," he said. Hussein said Kuwait was still trying to arrange a top level meeting on Lebanon. The proposed meeting, he said, would be held in Tunis.

In Moscow, the Communist Party paper *Pravda* said conflict between Israel and Syrian forces stationed in Lebanon could flare-up at any moment. It blamed Israeli aggression, and described a "concentration of Israeli troops ready for attack."

In a separate report, Tass said a U.S. decision to order the families of American diplomats to leave Lebanon "is designed ... to give a hint to Syria that an aggressive action from Israel may follow at any time."

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli cabinet unanimously voted to allow U.S. special envoy Philip Habib unlimited time to pursue his mission aimed at finding a diplomatic solution to the Syrian "missiles crisis," official communique said Sunday.

In Beirut, rightist and nationalist forces fought a fierce artillery duel Sunday in the

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current Middle East developments, lead by the Lebanese crisis, and world issues of mutual concern.

The Saudi delegation included Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Sultan, the minister of defense and civil aviation and Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal.

In his 34-hour visit to Baghdad, the Jordanian king held talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The Iraqi News Agency said that the Jordanian-Iraqi negotiations centered on "the latest developments in the Arab world," and on cooperation between the two countries.

Hears about latest honors Soong reported critical

PEKING, May 17 (AP) — Soong Ching-ling, the matriarch of China's pre-Communist revolution, was reported in critical and worsened condition Sunday, but expressed thanks for being made China's honorary head of state.

The 90-year-old Soong is suffering from chronic lymphatic leukemia and suffered a relapse last Thursday. A medical report issued Sunday said her condition has continued to worsen. Her white blood cell count rose, her temperature was over 39 degrees C (102F) and her blood pressure showed a tendency to drop.

The official Chinese news agency reported that Soong heard on the radio at 7 a.m. local time that she had been named honorary chairman of the People's Republic of China. "I've heard the news. Many thanks to the comrades," she told those in attendance at her bedside.

She was made honorary head of state Saturday. And on Friday finally was admitted as a full member of the Chinese Communist Party which she supported for years. Over the years her applications for membership had been turned down.

Soong is the widow of Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Nationalist Kuomintang Party and father of China's 1911 revolution which overthrew the last emperor.

She has been a symbol of cooperation with the Communists over the years and broke with the KMT and the Nationalists who fled to Taiwan after 1949.

For more than 30 years she has been the ceremonial equivalent of a vice head of state. Chinese Communist Party Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping visited Soong Saturday to congratulate her for having been admitted to the Communist Party, the New China News Agency said.

Haig, Dobrynin discuss arms

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP) — Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly R. Dobrynin met for an hour to discuss future negotiations on medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe and other topics, State Department officials have confirmed.

stance of what Haig and Dobrynin said in their meeting, which she said lasted about an hour.

Sandy McCarty, a department spokeswoman, said Saturday the two also discussed the situation in Lebanon, where Israel and Syria feared on the verge of war.

U.S. and Soviet officials have had frequent contacts in recent days on Mideast tensions and Haig assured NATO officials earlier this month in Rome that dialogue would be promptly with the Soviet Union on theater nuclear arms limitation in Europe.

Spaniards scale Mount Jannu

KATMANDU, May 17 (AFP) — All six members of the Spanish Navarra Himalayan Expedition have scaled the 7710 meters (25,288 ft) high Mount Jannu in northeast Nepal via the south face route without oxygen, the Nepalese Tourism Ministry announced Sunday.

Everest to commemorate the university's centenary this week.

The members, including Angel Maria Abrego Santesteban, 25, mechanic, and leader of the expedition, Jose Manuel Casimiro Arteta, 22, mechanic, Maria Ruvillas, 24, student, Aldaya Berroeta, 30, farmer Garayoa Aizeorbe, 30, medical doctor, Francisco Javier Senosian Ots, 23, student and two Sherpa guides climbed the summit in two groups on May 7 from their sixth camp pitched at 7300 meters (23,944 ft.)

In another development two Swedish climbers who made a summit bid on the 8091 meters (26,538 ft.) high Mount Annapurna via the east ridge route failed to reach the summit May 15. The two climbers had failed after 12 hours arduous climb.

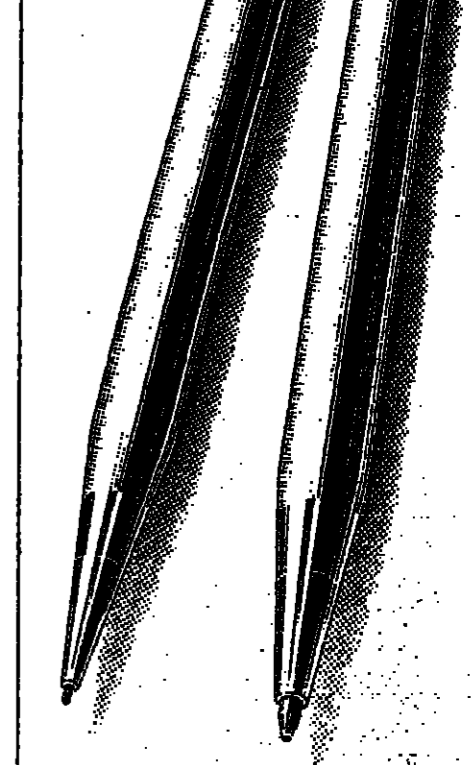
U.S. warships keep off Japan fishing lines

TOKYO, May 17 (AFP) — United States warships, accused of cutting Japanese fishing lines in a minesweeping exercise, Sunday moved south away from the area as the American Embassy said the U.S. Navy might have been responsible.

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In response to a request by the Japanese Defense Agency, U.S. naval authorities said the warships had left the area of Western Hokkaido, northern Japan, on the orders of vice adm. Carlisle Frost, commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

The Japanese Fisheries Agency said it had received reports Saturday that longlines operated by 48 fishing boats were damaged off northern Honshu and Hokkaido Friday. Similar damage was reportedly incurred by 18 fishing boats Saturday.

The U.S. Embassy here told the Foreign Ministry Saturday night that U.S. warships might have been responsible for the damage even if the commanders were unaware of it, adding that four American warships had steamed south in waters where the lines were cut.

Ito affair domestic, State Department says

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AFP) — The resignation Saturday of Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito is a purely domestic matter for Japan and will not affect U.S.-Japanese relations, the State Department said in an official comment.

Ito resigned following the recent visit here of Japanese Premier Zenko Suzuki, at the end of which a joint U.S.-Japanese communique referred to an "alliance" between the two countries.

The word was understood in Japan to imply Tokyo might have to join America in case of a war, an eventuality forbidden under the country's constitution.

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